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Budget 2023-24

Natl. Education Policy to be replaced with State Education Policy

Bengaluru, July 7 (Agencies)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah set a record today, July 7, by presenting his 14th Budget for 2023-2024 in the Legislative Assembly as the Finance Minister. Siddharamaiah surpassed former CM Ramakrishna Hedge who had presented 13 Budgets.

"Development and Social justice are what Karnataka has strived for, since the times of Basavanna. I have tried to continue the tradition," the Chief Minister said, beginning his address.

This was the first Budget after the Congress assumed power in Karnataka following its landslide victory in the May 10 Assembly elections. This is also Siddharamaiah's seventh Budget as the Chief Minister — from 2013 to 2018. The other Budgets presented by him were when he was the finance minister in the JD(S) Government.

CM Siddharamaiah presenting budget at Vidhana Soudha this morning.

Total Expenditure is estimated to be Rs. 3,27,747 crore which includes Revenue Expenditure at Rs. 2,50,933 crore, Capital Expenditure at Rs. 54,374 crore, and loan repayment at Rs. 22,441 crore.

(See BUDGET on page 7)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled ***"A Law for Old Parents and Senior Citizens."*** *—Ed*

What costs more

- Excise Duty on alcohol up by 20 percent
- Additional excise duty on beer increased by 10 percent
- Guidance value on properties increased by 20 percent
- There is no increase in tax for 2022-23

What Mysuru gets

- Film City to be built in Mysuru
- Cycling Velodrome
- Super-speciality Hospitals and Burns Care Centres
- RGUHS to start hi-tech skill labs, research centres & indoor sports facilities
- Colleges of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences Allied Health Sciences
- Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in District Hospital in Puneeth Rajkumar's memory

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 7th July 2023

'Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava' tomorrow

Mysuru, July 7- Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru, has embarked on an ambitious initiative to conduct monthly cultural events to showcase Indian performing arts under the banner 'Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava.'

The first edition in this series — the Ashada edition — will be held on Saturday (July 8) at 5 pm at Champaka Academy in Ramakrishnanagar. This edition will feature Bharatanatyam performances by leading exponents and Gurus of Mysuru and Bengaluru.

Performing artistes include *Karnataka Kalashri* **Dr. K. Kumar and his disciples** — Guru Dr. K. Kumar is the Professor and Head of the Department of Dance, University College of Fine Arts, University of Mysore (UoM) and the Founder of Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru.

Disciples of *Karnataka Kalashiri* Vidya Ravishankar, a leading exponent of Mysuru Bani Bharatanatyam and the Founder of Sri Matruka Cultural Trust, Bengaluru, will also perform in the event.

Disciples of Vidushi Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Founder of Champaka Academy, will give a performance supported by **Vidushi Shruthi Prasad** on vocal, **Vidwan Kiran** on mridanga and **Vidwan Shrinidhi** on flute.

Dr. Rama V. Bennur, Musician, Art Critic and the President of Ganabharathi, will be the chief guest for the event.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

This memorable incident that happened in Mumbai many years ago still flashes on my mental screen. My good old neighbour once had a gaggle of guests gatecrash her abode without giving her any prior notice.

Apparently, she was totally unnerved by this unexpected blitz and unprepared for the unremitting kitchen chores. After three days of dreary drudgery, she was indeed delighted when she was verbally promised a delectable dinner treat by her guests, whose departure date was decided the next day.

But lo! Not only did they renege on their promise by returning home late at night from their city-roaming expedition, but they also made her rustle up meals at that really inopportune hour, claiming they were all ravenously hungry!

Truly, this kind of tongue-generosity, by way of gabbling and not by genuine gestures, is not rare to many of us.

Incidentally, often we hear people promising profuse physical help, too, like, say, when we are at the helm of hosting a social event. But when their physical succour is sorely needed, you can see them stealthily scooting off without a scintilla of support.

A schoolmate frequently spends some hours with a string of small kids, showering several gifts on them, at an orphanage. An aunt of hers, living a lavish lifestyle, keeps yapping about donating large bucks as largesse to that institution housing lonely children.

But, till today, it seems, she hasn't lifted even a little finger to do anything worthy for those children.

A close friend was once saying, "A colleague of mine often comes up with this corny phrase of being constantly there for me, as a confidante, during all the crests and troughs of my life. But, just when I try calling her at crucial moments, she invariably trots out the excuse of being incredibly busy and cuts off the call. Leave alone allaying my mental agony or angst, she wouldn't have even a modicum of patience to listen."

Well, whether it's financial or any sort of generosity, the exalted form of it is exhibited exclusively and entirely by exquisite gestures.

The aforesaid kind of 'worthless' generosity, through weasel words, is much worse than 'not doing even a whit of anything' at all! — *Meera Seshadri in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Wins hotdog eating contest for 16th time

New York: A hotdog eating contest was organised as is the tradition on the US Independence Day.

Reigning champion of the annual U.S. Fourth of July hot dog eating contest, Joey Chestnut secured his 16th career win in a spectacular display of gustatory prowess. Against all odds, including a thunderstorm delay at the iconic Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating contest in New York City's Coney Island, the indomitable 39-year-old from Indiana remained undeterred.

Joey Chestnut consumed 62 frankies in just 10 minutes while his closest competitor, Geoff Esper from Massachusetts, could devour only 49 hotdogs. However, Chestnut fell short of surpassing his own world record of 76 hot dogs, a feat he achieved last year at the same contest.

In the women's contest, New York City native Miki Sudo emerged victorious. Miki Sudo — who claimed her eighth title last year — defended it by eating 39 and a half dogs within 10 minutes.

Descends stairs on his hands to break record

Kathmandu: A Nepalese man broke his fourth Guinness World Record by walking down 75 stairs on his hands in 25.03 seconds.

Hari Chandra Giri, 29, walked on his hands to descend the stairs at the Jamchen Vijaya Stupa Buddhist temple and broke the record for the fastest time to descend 75 stairs on the hands.

The previous record of 30.8 seconds was set by U.S. man Mark Kenney in 2014.

Giri said he has been walking on his hands since he was 8 years old, and the skill previously earned him the world records for the fastest time to descend 50 stairs on the hands.

HEALTH CAPSULE

High BP, high LDL cholesterol, Diabetes and smoking are the key riskfactors for heart diseases.

By Dr. Bipin Chandra Aditya Dasari - Consultant – Cardiology – Interventional - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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City artiste selected for State-level Jangama Shetty Theatre Award

Mysuru, July 7- Senior theatre artiste Prashanth Hiremath of Mysuru has been selected for State-level S.B. Jangama Shetty Theatre Award given by Ranga Sangama Vedike of Kalaburagi.

Prashanth Hiremath

The award, which carries a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and a citation, will be conferred on Prashanth at a programme to be held at Kalaburagi on July 18.

A retired Rangayana artiste from Mysuru, Prashanth still enacts in dramas and directs plays, said a press release from Ranga Sangama Vedike Gen. Secretary Dr. Sujatha Jangama Shetty.

Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment to tour Mysuru from July 8 to 10

Mysuru, July 7 (BS)- The Central Government's Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment has scheduled its study tour of Mysuru district from July 8 to 10. The Committee has convened a separate meeting of Officers of various Departments and Boards and Corporations, at Hotel Radisson Blu Plaza on M. G. Road in the city on July 10 from 9.30 am to11.30 am.

The meeting will discuss various schemes and programmes being implemented by Social Welfare Department, Scheduled Classes Welfare Department, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Minorities Welfare Department and Boards and Corporations under their ambit, student scholarships of SC, ST, Backward Classes and Minorities, programmes being implemented for the children of those community engaged in harmful and unhygienic works and rehabilitation of senior citizens, safaikarmacharis, third gender and drug addicts.

According to a press release from the Joint Director of Social Welfare Department, the Standing Committee will discuss about the rehabilitation of Deen Dayal Divyangan Rehabilitation programme, establishment of Disabled Rehabilitation Centre, student scholarship, financial empowerment, skill development and disabled welfare measures among others.

REALLY...?

- ***More than 2,500 left-handed people are killed every year from using equipment meant for right-handed people.***
- ***The average adult human has two to nine pounds of bacteria in his or her body.***
- ***Airplane food isn't very tasty because our sense of smell and taste decrease by 20 to 50 percent during flights.***
- ***If the human brain were a computer, it could perform 38 thousand-trillion operations per second.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Q: What do you call a sleeping bull?
A: A bull-dozer!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.71
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.39
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.52
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.05

VOICE OF THE READER

Vehicle parking menace near Zoo

Whither Traffic Police?

Sir,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the persisting traffic and vehicle parking problems in the vicinity of the Mysuru Zoo, particularly in the Ittigegud area. Despite numerous complaints made by residents, including through this *Star of Mysore* column, it is disheartening to note that no substantial changes have been observed thus far.

One issue that deserves immediate attention is the presence of an illegal auto stand at the exit of the Zoo Subway. It is alarming that no action has been taken by our Traffic Police Department despite this matter being brought to their attention. The unchecked presence of the auto stand only exacerbates the traffic congestion in the area.

Furthermore, the parking facilities offered by a nearby hotel have become a persistent problem for the residents. This establishment allows four-wheelers to park indiscriminately, obstructing the view of pedestrians attempting to cross the road.

It is sad to witness the complete disregard shown by the restaurant owner towards the 'no parking' sign displayed at the corner. Even more concerning is the apparent indifference of the Traffic Policemen stationed in the area, who can often be seen casually enjoying their tea, coffee and breakfast without addressing the chaos caused by illegal parking.

To mitigate these issues, I urge the authorities to implement a ban on serving food inside cars on roads with heavy traffic congestion. Additionally, I believe it is essential for the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to install permanent barricades or poles at all corners of the Zoo parking ground, preventing vehicles from parking there and promoting a more pedestrian-friendly environment.

The presence of various cafes, tea stalls and ice-cream parlours on 4th Cross Road only adds to the existing problem. It raises questions as to how the MCC has granted permission for these food establishments to operate within the narrow streets of Ittigegud.

On behalf of the residents of Ittigegud, I appeal to the City Police Commissioner to take strict action against those violating traffic norms by indiscriminately parking their vehicles. Furthermore, I kindly request the Police officers on duty to carry out their responsibilities diligently and not overlook these pressing issues.

It is high time that these matters are addressed to ensure the safety, convenience and overall well-being of the residents and visitors in Ittigegud.

—Ashok Kumar

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Centenary of The Graduates Co-operative Bank on July 9

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah to inaugurate

The Graduates Co-operative Bank President N. Srinivas is seen addressing a press meet in city yesterday as Bank Vice-President R. Anantharamu, Centenary Celebrations Committee Members K.G. Satish, T.S. Ravishankar, Sujatha Venkataraju, Dr. Sujatha S. Rao, C. Kamalamma and M.S. Rajaram look on.

Mysuru, July 7 (GA&DM)- The Graduates Co-operative Bank in the city will be celebrating its Centenary at the MMC&RI Platinum Jubilee Hall at JK Grounds in city on July 9.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakathara Bhavan here yesterday, Bank President N. Srinivas said that Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will inaugurate the programme at 10 am, while Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar will release the Souvenir, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will unveil the Plaque and Co-operation Minister K.N. Rajanna will felicitate the Bank's former Presidents.

Pointing out that the Bank was started in 1923 on Chamaraja Double road in the heart of the city under the leadership of the then Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Prof. N.S. Subbarao, Srinivas said the Bank, which had just 87 members in the beginning, has grown enormously over the years and at present, there are 13,808 members.

Noting that the Bank membership is given only for Graduates, he said that the Bank has been working efficiently and is earning good profit as well. The Bank currently has a share value of Rs. 2,83,11,108, he added.

Women-made products expo

Mahila Samanvaya Vedike Convenor Lavanya seen addressing a press meet yesterday as Vedike's Mamatha Kini and Lakshmi look on.

Mysuru, July 7 (GA&DM)- City's Mahila Samanvaya Vedike has organised a one-day expo of products made by women entrepreneurs at Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara School premises near Nanju Malige in city on July 9.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Vedike Convenor Lavanya said Additional SP B.N. Nandini will inaugurate the expo at 9.30 am. Pointing out the expo has been organised with an objective of women empowerment, she said the expo will be open till 4 pm.

The expo will feature display and sale of a variety of products and articles made by women and women entrepreneurs. The products that will be on display include art works, handicraft works, dress materials, sarees, bakery products, Ready to eat food products etc. So far, 32 women entrepreneurs have registered for the expo, she added.

The expo will also feature a painting contest for school children from LKG to 10th standard, beginning from 11 am. The valedictory will take place at 4.30 pm, which will be presided over by social activists Cheluvambike and Sadhana Tantri, she said.

For more details, call Mob: 98862- 27216.

Samskruta Pathashala Teachers

Academic Conference at Suttur

Mysuru, July 7- Karnataka Rajya Samskruta Pathashala Shikshakara Sangha has organised a State-level Samskruta Pathashala Shikshakara Shaikshanika Sammelana (Teachers Academic Conference) at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk of Mysuru tomorrow (July 8) at 11 am.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Ankanahalli Mutt Seer Sri Shivarudra Shivacharya Swamiji will grace the occasion. Former Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah will inaugurate. Karnataka Sanskrit University VC Dr. S. Ahalya will preside.

The Varshika Mahadhiveshana (Annual Meeting) of the Sangha will be held at 2.30 pm. Sangha President H.B. Gangadharaiah will preside, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Flute concert

As part of monthly cultural programme, Vid. K.P. Pranav will render flute concert at Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Sri Rama Mandira, Srirampet, on July 8 at 6 pm. He will be accompanied by Vid. Tumkur Yashaswi on violin and Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga.

Rly. Pensioners' monthly meeting

The monthly meeting of Railway Pensioners Welfare Association, Mysuru, will be held at 11.30 am tomorrow (July 8) at A. Manuel Hall, Seshadri Iyer Road, in city. Association President Parthasarathy will preside.

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-783,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by Dr. Sarjaashankar Haralimata, writer, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, on July 8 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. For details, call Ph: 0821-2541795 or 92435-81097.

Matrimonial Meet

Sri Basaveshwara Vadhu-Varara Vivaha Vedike has organised a Veerashaiva-Lingayat Matrimonial Meet at Sri Vidyabharati Kalyana Mantapa on Uttaradi Mutt Road near Gun House in city on July 23 from 12 noon to 5 pm. Prospective brides and bridegrooms of Veerashaiva-Lingayat community, who are degree holders and have jobs, may attend the Matrimonial Meet. Interested may register before July 22. [Mob: 96862-05346]

KRS Disneyland project for sure, says D.K. Shivakumar

Infrastructure Development Department to workout approval process; cost Rs. 1,425 crore; 198-acre land needed

Bengaluru, July 7 (BCT) - The proposed transformation of the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam and Brindavan Gardens into a major tourist destination resembling Disneyland is on cards as the State Government is keen to implement the project.

In a written reply to Congress MLC Madhu G. Madegowda, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) informed the Legislative Council yesterday that the proposal to establish the amusement park resembling Disneyland at the KRS Reservoir is currently being considered actively and will become a reality.

The project was originally introduced by former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy in 2018-19 with strong support from the then Water Resources Minister D.K. Shivakumar. Dy.CM Shivakumar himself holds the Water Resources portfolio now and he has affirmed that the project is in progress.

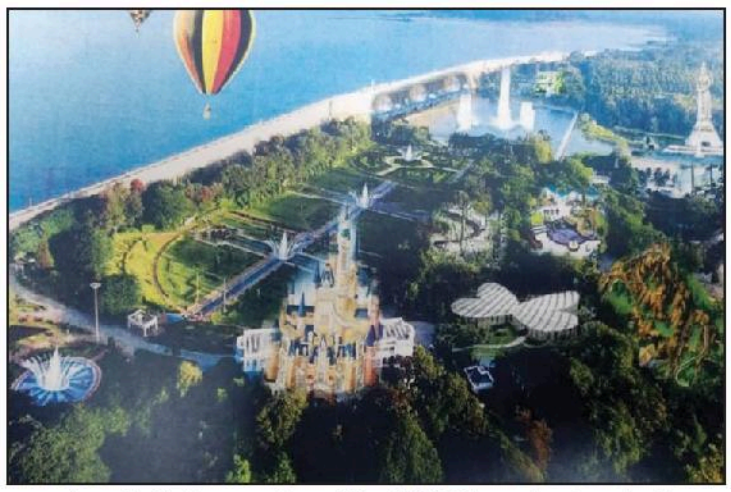
The project was temporarily halted by the previous BJP administration and it was speculated that the project had been shelved. Now, DKS stated that the estimated cost of the Disneyland-like venture, to be executed through Public-Private Partnership (PPP), is Rs. 1,425 crore.

Points raised in query

Madhu Madegowda had asked the Government whether there is a proposal before the Government to construct a statue of Cauvery and develop a park resembling Disneyland at KRS and if the proposal exists, what is the estimated cost of the project and will the project be implemented through PPP or will the Government solely invest in it.

He had also asked about the extent of land, the availability of Government-owned land and the total estimated cost. The question was also about the project permission granted by the Ministry of Forest, Ecology and Environment.

DKS replied that the implementation of the project necessitates the acquisition of 198 acres of Government-owned land. "The project report is currently undergoing the approval process. It has been submitted to the Infrastructure Development Department, whose PPP Project Appraisal Committee has requested a Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Study and a revised proposal. Appropriate measures are being taken to comply with these requirements," DKS said.



An artist's impression of the KRS Disneyland project.

Opposition from farmers, Ministry of Environment, green activists

When the project was announced by the previous H.D. Kumaraswamy Government, it faced severe opposition from farmers and environmental activists due to concerns related to agricultural land acquisition, loss of fertile land, water resource management, environmental impact and preservation of cultural and historical significance of the Reservoir.

The project was also opposed by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), which has declared the Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary near Srirangapatna and its surrounding areas as an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).

The project would have a negative impact on the environment, including the loss of biodiversity and the pollution of water bodies.

The MoEF&CC also raised concerns about the project, stating that it would violate the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006. The MoEF&CC also stated that the project would not be in the public interest.

Environmental activists expressed apprehension about the potential ecological consequences of the project. Constructing a Disneyland-like amusement park may involve clearing natural habitats, leading to habitat loss and disturbing the local ecosystem.

Critics argued that the project's development could compromise the cultural and historical value of the KRS Dam and Brindavan Gardens. These landmarks hold sentimental value for locals and attract tourists due to their unique heritage and natural beauty.

'No damage to KRS Dam'

The proposal for an amusement park was also mentioned in the budget during the previous Congress rule. However, it was put on hold due to various reasons. There are no recreational parks in Bengaluru and Mysuru regions and this project should create employment opportunities for the locals and be beneficial to the people. The proposed 198-acre Government land is in the downstream of KRS area and the project will not cause any damage to the Dam.

— D.K. Shivakumar, Dy.CM and Water Resources Minister

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM			
Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	79.50	feet
Yesterday	:	78.78	feet
Inflow	:	3,966	cusecs
Outflow	:	320	cusecs

KABINI DAM			
Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,260.46	feet
Inflow	:	16,218	cusecs
Outflow	:	500	cusecs

HARANGI DAM			
Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,831.04	feet
Inflow	:	2,776	cusecs
Outflow	:	50	cusecs

Only 10 tmcft water in KRS Dam as such no water to TN

MP Sumalatha Ambarish inspects Reservoir

Srirangapatna, July 7 (Vinay Karekura&BCT)- Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish visited the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Reservoir yesterday for inspection along with officials. Discussions were held regarding the availability of drinking water, water supply for agriculture and the request for water allocation to Tamil Nadu.

According to Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) officers, the current water storage level at the reservoir is 10 tmcft (thousand million cubic feet) due to the ongoing rain. However, releasing water for irrigation purposes is not possible at the moment.

They informed the MP that if the rain continues, water can be supplied to Bengaluru, Mysuru and Mandya cities until around Aug. 15 using the available water. Rainfall has already started in the Cauvery catchment area, raising the possibility of water flowing into the reservoir.

In the past two days, the reservoir has received a moderate amount of water. On Thursday, the inflow reached 1,400 cusecs, whereas on the same day last year, 29,468 cusecs of water was flowing into the reservoir.

Tamil Nadu has requested 33 tmcft of water for the month of July. However, due to the water shortage at the reservoir, it is currently not feasible to provide the requested amount of water. There is a deficit of 9.91 tmcft of water for the month of June.

CNNL Executive Engineer Ramamurthy, Assistant Executive Engineer Kishore, Assistant Engineer Suresh Babu and others were present.

Monsoon in Kodagu gains vigour; schools closed

Madikeri, July 7 (PS,Akshay& BCT)- Kodagu district has been experiencing heavy rain accompanied by strong winds for the past two days. The heavy rainfall, along with strong winds, has created a chilly atmosphere, and the movement of people has significantly reduced.

As a precautionary measure due to the incessant rains across the district, all schools and anganwadis remained closed on Friday (today). However, the cumulative rainfall since the advent of the Southwest Monsoon on June 1 until date is 79 percent below normal.

Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has reported that the monsoon is vigorous and active over south interior Karnataka. Following heavy rains in the catchment areas of Wayanad in Kerala, the water level at Kabini Reservoir in H.D. Kote is rising rapidly, with an inflow of 17,000 cusecs. The power generation plant at Kabini has started functioning since July 6, following an outflow of 500 cusecs.

In Kodagu, rainfall has increased in rivers like Cauvery, Lakshmanateertha and other smaller streams. Particularly, the water level in the Cauvery River has risen significantly in its origin area, Talacauvery, and at the confluence of the Triveni Sangama in Bhagamandala. If the rain continues in this manner, there is a higher possibility of the region facing flooding.

Filling of Triveni Sangama

While Madikeri taluk continues to experience incessant rain, other areas like Madikeri, Napoklu, Galibeedu and Virajpet are receiving normal rainfall. Areas such as Talacauvery and Brahmagiri Hills have been receiving substantial rainfall, leading to the filling of the Triveni Sangama, posing a threat to areas like Korangala, Cherangala and Ayyangeri.

The completion of the Upper Bhagamandala Bridge in the district, which was expected, has been delayed, leaving people in dire straits. Consequently, people are facing hardships due to the unavailability of this bridge.

The district is also witnessing strong winds along with heavy rain, causing trees to fall on roads. On Wednesday morning, a tree fell on a private bus near Ponnampet in Srimangala taluk. Although the tree fell on the rear part of the bus, causing significant damage, the driver managed to stop the bus. A road leading to Boikeri and Kushalnagar had a fallen tree, temporarily affecting traffic. The tree has been cleared, and the road is now open for travel. Additionally, there have been instances of power outages due to fallen electrical poles, and several house collapse incidents have been reported.

Threat to Mysuru-Mangaluru Road

Due to heavy rainfall, there is a fear of landslides near Sampaje village and there are chances of Mysuru-Mangaluru Road being closed. The district administration, along with the NDRF team and the Fire Department, has taken necessary precautions.

A temporary road was constructed during the previous rainy season to facilitate vehicle movement, which can now potentially serve as an alternative route connecting the districts of Kodagu and Dakshina Kannada.

Comparing the current situation with the previous year, the rainfall has been relatively lower this time due to the absence of heavy rainfall in the 'Mrigasira' and 'Ardra' constellations. Presently, 'Punarvasu' constellation is spelling bouts of rain.

Last year, the rainfall was much higher during the same period, leading to an increase in the overall water level in rivers, streams and reservoirs. However, this time the rainfall has been delayed, resulting in a slower increment of water levels.

Rainfall average in 2023, 2022: Considering the rainfall in different taluks (administrative divisions), the average rainfall in Madikeri taluk has been 87.28 mm, while it was 98.28 mm last year. The total rainfall from January until now has been 705.17 mm, while it was 1,510.87 mm during the same period last year.

In Virajpet taluk, the average rainfall has been 47.08 mm, compared to 48.73 mm last year. The total rainfall from January until now has been 326.57 mm, while it was 827.32 mm during the same period last year.

In Somwarpet taluk, the average rainfall has been 40 mm, compared to 57.03 mm last year. The total rainfall from January until now has been 322.59 mm, while it was 736.34 mm during the same period last year.

District CEN Police recover 100 stolen mobile phones including one of Sub-Inspector

Mysuru, July 7- Cyber, Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police personnel of the district have recovered 100 mobile phones worth about Rs. 18 lakh that were either stolen or lost and have returned the mobile phones to their respective owners.

The stolen or lost mobile phones include that of a Sub-Inspector, who had lost it during security duty, according to Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar.

The recovered mobile phones were traced through Central Equipment Identity Registry (CEIR) portal of the Department of Telecommunications.

SP Seema Latkar guided a team of CEN Police led by Inspector Purushotham. The Police team had recovered the mobile phones from various parts of the State and also from other States since the past two months.

Crushing operations begin at MySugar

Mandya, July 7 (Mohanraj & DM)- After a one-week delay, the crushing operations for the year 2023-24 began at MySugar factory in Mandya on Thursday.

Sugar Minister Shivanand Patil launched the crushing operations at the 90-year-old Sugar factory, the only State-run Sugar factory in the State, yesterday. The crushing was earlier scheduled to be launched on June 30.

Speaking on the occasion, Shivanand Patil said, "The factory will crush 1,500-2,000 tonnes for the first few days and later increase the capacity to 3,000-5,000 tonnes per day." A technical snag in the turbine had resulted in a slight delay in the commencement of the operations, he added.

Maintaining that the factory will pay the FRP (Fair and Remunerative Price) fixed by the Government to procure Sugarcane from farmers this year, the Minister said the farmers were paid Rs. 2,800 per tonne of sugarcane last year despite low recovery.

Mandya District In-charge Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy said the factory had become functional due to the Government's intervention and expressed confidence that MySugar will function efficiently from here on.

Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish, in her address, expressed confidence that the commencement of crushing operations at MySugar would augur well for the farmers of Mandya region. Noting that there are certain issues plaguing the factory including pending electricity bill dues amounting to Rs. 40 crore, she hoped that all issues will be sorted out in due course.

The Sugar factory was revived by the previous BJP Government after it was shut down due to mounting losses a few years ago.

MLAs Ganiga Ravikumar and A.B. Rameshbabu Bandisiddegowda, Mandya Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumar, MySugar MD Appasaheb Patil, farmer leader Sunanda Jayaram and others were present.

Obituary

S. Somashekar

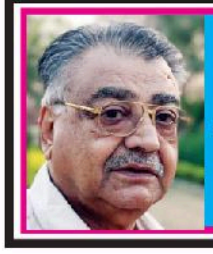
Mysuru, July 7- S. Somashekar, a newspaper agent and a resident of Raghavendranagar, passed away this morning in city. He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter, parents, brother, sister and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this evening.

U. Lokesh

Hunsur: U. Lokesh (55), an employee of WCS (Lift Company) and a resident of Dubare, passed away following heart attack on Friday.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Lokesh had constructed a new house at Dubare and had held the house warming ceremony recently. Last rites were held at a village near Dubare, according to family sources.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

A Law for Old Parents and Senior Citizens

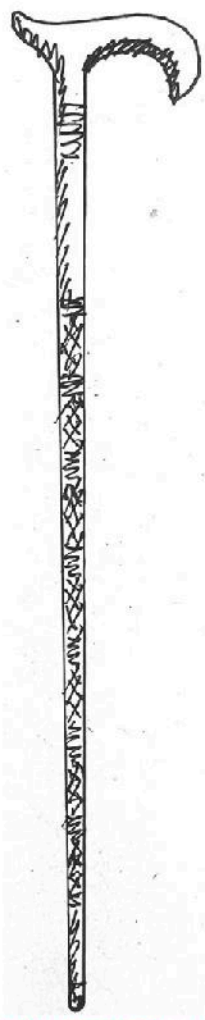
The problem of old-age is as old as hills. In the early centuries, finding old people of past 60 years of age used to be as rare as hen's teeth. The longevity used to be short no matter you are Alexander the Great or Swami Vivekananda. Reasons could be many. It could be genetical, in-breeding, unhygienic living conditions, poor quality of food, both vegetarian and non-vegetarian, it could be the deadly diseases like plague and epidemics that led to mass death of millions over a period, as it happened in Europe which suffered the scourge of black death.

And how can we forget the wars between countries or those waged by the invaders. There were wars between the tribals and communities for reasons of religion or possession of lands. Well, history records wars being fought for the sake of beautiful women like it happened in the case of Helen of Troy and Cleopatra of Egypt, for example. Many young people would die due to these wars at a time when the population was very small compared to what we have today.

However after 19th century and thereafter, medical science made such major advances that it has not only enabled the doctors to heal the patients with health problems but also enabled people to live for a longer time with minor ailments or in good health. That is why we read in the obituary columns of newspapers reports of death of old people aged beyond 75 being described as death due to old-age or health problems related to old-age.

Today we read about countries of centenarians like Japan and Switzerland. They are described as old-age countries like old-age homes.

Those who are running the old-age homes are drawing a parallel to the children's homes because the problems of looking after the inmates are similar! The care-takers in both the cases have difficulties in handling old people and also children. For children, parents are there at home to take care or a compassionate God Mother in a children's home to manage them. With old people at home, it is either their children or domestic servants who will take care of them. But if they are in an old-age home, then perforce they are at the mercy of those who manage the home.



The Government, as a welfare measure, has given a protective shield to these old people from their exploiters and tormentors of the kind mentioned above. In our country we have a law specially enacted for safeguarding the interests of old people. The law is known as Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.

Be that as it may, no matter where these old people are or under whose care they are, they are bound to have some problems either of health or related to wealth. Thus they become helpless old people in their old-age suffering from mental infirmities and physical debility or illness. In such a situation, it is possible greedy and heartless people, including their own children who are beneficiaries, deserting them or exploiting them.

The Government, as a welfare measure, has given a protective shield to these old people from their exploiters and tormentors of the kind mentioned above. In our country we have a law specially enacted for safeguarding the interests of old people. The law is known as **Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.**

Under this law, the petitioner, old man or old woman, is prohibited under Section 17 from engaging a legal practitioner to represent the case. Similarly, the defendant is also prohibited from engaging a lawyer. This has been a handicap for the old people. However, according to a report in yesterday's *The Times of India*, this prohibition has been nullified by the Karnataka High Court. The report says that in a recent order, Justice M. Nagaprasanna had directed the Chief Secretary to take appropriate steps to permit the applicants, petitioners and appellants to be represented by advocates in the proceedings.

While this is a great humanitarian decision delivered by a Judge known for his many landmark decisions with a ring of Solomon's wisdom where his judgements have always been tempered with mercy, I am reminded of Chief Judge Frank T. Caprio in America, who delivers justice with a humane face and interpreting law to help the underdog. The case that came before Justice M. Nagaprasanna will now go back to the Deputy Commissioner (DC) before whom the case is pending.

By the way, under this "Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007," the case must go to the Assistant Commissioner (AC) first and from there on appeal to the DC.

The case here pertained to a petition by one Srinivas Ganiga, an 82-year-old villager from Puttur in Udupi. It appears that Srinivas Ganiga having purchased properties had transferred them to his two sons. Later, he approached the AC under the said Act of 2007, claiming that his one son was torturing him physically and mentally and both his sons had created a fraudulent settlement deed of his properties in 2014. He sought for the restoration of his property under the provisions of the Senior Citizens Act.

It may be interesting to know that many people do not realise that 'old is gold.' A person may be old but if his faculties are in very good form, he may lead his life in a way comparable to those younger to him. Today we find many old people above the age of 75 pursuing their passion in art, literature, music, politics and profession more successfully than their juniors.

When such is the reality, either due to the mercy of nature, providence, luck or the medical science, I was surprised to read about the disparaging remark of Ajit Pawar, the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, against his uncle Sharad Pawar saying, 'Your are 83-years-old. When will you retire?'

Does Ajit Pawar know that the US Supreme Court Judges have no retirement age? At present, the age of the oldest Judge in US Supreme Court is 87 years. Why bring in age when you should be fighting a political battle on ideology?

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Elected Dy. Speaker of Assembly

Lamani

Bengaluru, July 7- Senior Congress MLA from Haveri, Rudrappa Lamani has been elected unopposed as the Deputy Speaker in the Legislative Assembly. Lamani had served as a Minister in Congress Governments in the past. A few weeks ago, another senior Congress MLA from Chamarajanagar and former Minister C. Puttarangashetty was named by the ruling Congress for the post. But Puttarangashetty had declined to accept the post citing political reasons, following which the Congress named Rudrappa Lamani as the Deputy Speaker.

Soon after his election, Lamani was congratulated by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Speaker U.T. Khader, former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former Minister V. Sunil Kumar and other leaders.

Intl. Jawa Day on July 9

Mysuru, July 7 (KS)- Marking International Jawa Day, members of Jawa Friends Club will take out a Jawa Motorcycle Rally in city on July 9 (Sunday).

The rally will commence in front of RTO (East) Office on the Outer Ring Road near Rajivnagar at 9.30 am and will travel around the Ring Road to reach Manipal Hospital Junction from where the bikers will proceed to Srirangapatna.

According to Sameer, one of the organisers, over 170 Jawa and Yezdi bike owners have registered for the Sunday event and added that spot registrations will also be done. For details and registration, contact Sameer on Mob: 98444-25591 or Khizer on Mob: 99640-51223.

Post Office working hours extended

Mysuru, July 7- Senior Postal Superintendent of Mysuru Postal Division Dr. Angel Raj has in a press release said that business hours of all Post Offices will be extended by half-an-hour for the benefit of farmers and students.

Except Savings Account and Cash transactions, EMO, IPO, e-Payment, Aadhaar, CSC, PLI and RPLI Stamp and Stationery sales, Registered and Speed Post services are available during this period. Citizens may make use of the extended business hours, the release stated.

Siddu presents 14th Budget

(Continued from page 1)

To provide for the five poll guarantees, the Government has proposed to increase the guidance value on property registrations across the state.

The Government proposes to increase the existing rates of Additional Excise Duty on Indian Made Liquor (IML) by 20 percent on all 18 slabs as per Annexure-1. It also proposes to increase the Additional Excise Duty on Beer from 175 percent to 185 percent.

There is no increase in tax for 2022-23. The target of Rs. 77,017 crore for Commercial Taxes, Rs. 15,000 crore for Stamps and Registration Department, Rs. 29,000 crore for State Excise Department, Rs. 8,007 crore for Transport Department are fixed.

Total Revenue Receipts

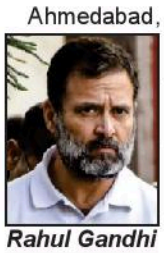
The Total Revenue Receipts estimated for 2023-24 is Rs. 2,38,410 crore, which includes Rs. 1,75,653 crore of Own Tax Revenue including GST compensation, Rs. 12,500 crore is anticipated from Non-Tax Revenue Devolution of Rs.37,252 crore and a Grant in Aid of Rs. 13,005 crore is estimated to receive from the Government of India. These Revenue Receipts are estimated to be supplemented by gross borrowings of Rs. 85,818 crore, non-debt capital receipts of Rs.23 crore and recovery of loans of Rs. 228 cr.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Upgradation of Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) premises in Mysuru
- Karnataka Archaeological Museum and Art Gallery, Mysuru, to install Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) technology.
- Focussed initiatives for branding of indigenous Coffee, Mysuru Mallige (Jasmine), Nanjangud Rasabale (Banana) and Mysuru Veelyadele (Betel Leaves).
- A total grant of Rs. 30,000 for Namma Metro.
- Rs. 100 crore for Indira Canteen.
- Rs. 10 crore for unified branding on Nandini model.
- Rs. 5 crore for small food processing entrepreneurs.
- Rs. 4000 crore per annum set aside for Shakti Yojana.
- Rs. 13,910 crore set aside for Gruha Jyothi Scheme.
- Re-launch of Krishi Bhagya Scheme.
- Government withdraws APMC Act amendment by BJP.
- Re-introduction of "Yashaswini" scheme to provide medical facilities to rural farmers.
- India's first public hospital organ transplant at NIMHANS Bengaluru - Rs. 146 crore, an amount of Rs.30 crore provided in the current year.
- Fibro scan will be provided for the detection of cirrhosis and cancer in patients suffering from non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.
- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme re-launch with an allocation of Rs 100 crore.
- Navodyama scheme with an allocation of Rs. 10 crore for value addition of agricultural produce.
- Yethinahole project to be completed to supply drinking water to Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural and Tumakuru.
- Short term interest free loan up to Rs. 3 lakh will now be increased to Rs.5 lakh for farmers.
- Medium- and long-term loan at 3 percent interest up to Rs.10 lakh will now be increased to Rs.15 lakh.
- Interest subsidy up to 7 percent on bank loans up to Rs. 20 lakh to farmers for construction of godowns.
- Loan up to Rs. 7 lakh at the rate of 4 percent interest to purchase pick up van for transporting-agricultural produce and equipment.
- Govt. to try obtain clearance for Mekedatu project at the earliest.
- In memory of *Karnataka Ratna* Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar, Automated External Defibrillators (AED) will be installed in all District Hospitals and Taluk Hospitals to aid in the prevention of sudden cardiac arrest.
- Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) will establish a new medical college in Kanakapura taluk of Ramanagara district.
- Under Integrated School Development Programme, 5,000 school premises will be upgraded to Vidhyamas.
- 750 rural markets and 27,000 borewell recharge works will be implemented.

Modi surname case

Gujarat HC dismisses Rahul Gandhi's plea against conviction



Rahul Gandhi

Ahmedabad, July 7 (Agencies)- In a major jolt to former Congress President Rahul Gandhi, Gujarat High Court today dismissed the petition seeking a stay on the conviction in relation to criminal defamation case, for calling those having 'Modi' surnames as thieves.

The Gandhi scion now has an option under Article 136 of the Constitution to approach the Supreme Court, which he is expected to do at the earliest, as hinted by All India Congress Committee (AICC) General Secretary (Organisation) K.C. Venugopal, at Kozhikode in Kerala, after Gujarat HC order.

It may be mentioned that, Surat Court on Mar. 23 had found Rahul Gandhi guilty under IPC Sections 499 and 500, awarding two years imprisonment. Meanwhile, following his conviction in the case, the Surat Court had granted bail for a period of 30 days (that has been extended further) to Rahul Gandhi to file an appeal in the case.

The Gandhi scion had filed an appeal at Gujarat High Court that had reserved the order on May 2, while refusing to grant him any interim relief.

A day later, Lok Sabha Secretariat had issued an order disqualifying the Congress leader as Wayanad MP, besides vacating him from his official residence on Tughlak lane in April 2023.

Surat BJP leader Purnesh Modi had filed the defamation case after Rahul Gandhi made this infamous speech during an election campaign held in Kolar in Karnataka in 2018.

Workshop on integrated tax collection system held for MCC Revenue staff

Mysuru, July 7 (RK&DM)- In a new initiative aimed at brining Property Tax, Water Tax and Trade Licence fee under one tax network through an App, the MCC held a one-day workshop for all its Revenue Officers and other staff from all the nine Zones at a Private Hotel near Hinkal on Hunsur road today.

Revenue staff were educated on bringing all types of taxes under 'Bharat Bill Pay' App, introduced by the Government of India. Bringing all types of taxes under this network, will help the MCC in achieving its tax collection target much easier, faster and better. This integration of taxes under this App, apart from being tax-payer friendly, will enable the MCC Revenue officials to have a better understanding on integrated tax collection net which includes tax fixation under various heads, recovery of pending bills, issuance of notices, ways and methods for recovery of tax and other dues, e-Property software and its applications, 'Aasthi Kanaja' software.

Mayor Shivakumar inaugurated the workshop. Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Roopa, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Dr. M. Dasegowda, Resource Person Neelochana Prabhu of KMDS, Bengaluru and Revenue Officers and staff from all the nine MCC Zonal Offices were present.

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-Sd-
General Manager (Admin)/TIA

Puri Jagannath Rath Yatra
held with religious fervour in city

Mysuru, July 7 (BCT)- Mysuru city witnessed a display of faith and devotion as it celebrated the revered Jagannath Rath Yatra, considered one of the most auspicious and religious festivals.

Resonating with the fervour and enthusiasm seen at the main temple in Odisha's Puri, this year's Rath Yatra in Mysuru faithfully adhered to all the rituals and customs associated with the grand festival.

The sacred Car Festival of Prabhu Jagannath, an incarnation of Lord Maha-vishnu, unfolded recently at the Puri Jagannath Temple on Vidyaranyapuram Main Road, Mysuru, that was established on Aug. 31, 2021, by Puri Jagannath Cultural and Welfare Trust.

The annual Rath Yatra, a revered event in which the divine Trinity — Lord Balabhadra, Devi Subhadra and Lord Jagannath — embark on a procession, witnessed enthusiastic public participation of over 2,500 devotees. The idols of these deities carved meticulously from neem trees, featured strikingly large round eyes and symmetrical faces, exuding an aura of divinity.

This grand procession signifies the Lord's gesture of taking to the streets, extending his blessings to those who cannot physically visit the temples.

The final *darshan* of the deity before the commencement of the festival took place on Deva Snana Purnima Day, June 4, 2023. On this auspicious occasion, the deities underwent their annual bath, an elaborate ritual that symbolises purification and renewal.

However, a twist of fate befell the divine siblings—Jagannath, Balabhadra, Devi Subhadra and Sudarshan — as they caught a cold during the sacred bath. In order to recuperate, they entered a period of isolation within the confines of Anasara Ghara, a dark room, where they underwent home quarantine for 15 days.

Emerging from their seclusion on June 19, the deities bestowed Navajoubana Darshan upon their devotees. The grand Rath Yatra took place on June 20 at 3 pm as the devotees guided the chariots through the bustling streets.

Following the triumphant Rath Yatra, the return journey, known as Bahuda Jatra, was celebrated on June 28. The highlight of this occasion was the Suna Besha ritual, wherein the chariot was adorned with resplendent golden attire, enhancing the divine aura surrounding Lord Jagannath.

On June 29, devotees eagerly presented Adhar Panna, a sacred offering of Sarvat, to express their devotion and gratitude to the deities.

The culminating moment arrived on July 1, 2023, as the Deities returned to their sacred abode, the Temple of Neeladri Bije, marking the completion of the festival.

This year, Cycle Pure Agarbathi associated itself with the festivities by lighting a 10-ft 'Akhanda Agarbathi' in front of the Temple. Janhavi Murthy, a family member of N. Ranga Rao and Sons, lit the Agarbathi.

For further details, contact G.S. Pradhan, Managing Trustee, Puri Jagannath Cultural and Welfare Trust, Mysuru, on Mob: 63601-83121.

Grand Flute Concert by
Vid. Chandan Kumar on July 8

Vid. Chandan *Vidu. Smitha* *Vid. Shamith* *Vid. Ramanujan*

Mysuru, July 7- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, has organised a flute concert by **Vid. Mysuru A. Chandan Kumar** at 6 pm on July 8 (Saturday) at Sri Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy Temple, SBM Colony, Srirampura in city.

He will be accompanied by senior and accomplished artistes — **Vidu. H.M. Smitha,** disciple of Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy, **Vid. G.S. Ramanujan,** disciple of Vid. P.G.Lakshminarayana and **Vid. Shamith S. Gowda,** disciple of Vid. Giridhar Udupa — on violin, mridanga and ghata respectively.

Profile: Chandan is an A-grade flautist of AIR and Doordarshan. He has performed in most of the major sabhas in India and abroad.

He has also performed in Radio Sangeeta Sammelan and Mysuru Dasara programmes.

He is the great grandson of *Sangeeta Kalanidhi* Mysuru T. Chowdaiah and a disciple of Vid. M. Gopalakrishna, Mysuru. He had the opportunity to be guided by *Padma Bhushana* P.S. Narayanaswamy.

Some of the awards conferred on him include, Ustad Bismilla Khan Yuva Puraskar from Kendriya Sangeet Natak Academy, prize for Best Junior Concert from Madras Music Academy, Best Artiste award from Karnataka Ganakala Parishat, Ananya Yuva Puraskar from Ananya, Bengaluru and awards from Bharath Kalachar and Narada Gana Sabha,Chennai.

The concert is sponsored by S.N. Subba Rao, in memory of his wife late S. Nirmala.

Vocal music concert tomorrow

Vidu.Chinmayee *Vidu. Veena* *Vid.Pavan* *Vid. Srinidhi*

Mysuru, July 7- Ganabharathi has organised a vocal music concert on July 8 at 6 pm in memory of Chakrakoti Narayan Shastry at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar in city by children and grandchildren of Chakrakoti Narayan Shastry.

Vidu. Chinmaye Manish will be presenting vocal recital. She will be accompanied by Vidu. Dr. Veena Suresh on violin, Vid. Pavan Madhava on mridanga and Vid. Srinidhi R. Koundinya on ghata.

Profile: Vidushi Chinmaye started her early training from her mother Umamaheshwari and continued training under Vidwan Madhuru P. Balasubramanyan and Vidwan Aravind Hebbar.

Later she did her advance training under guru Vidu. Suguna Purushotam. Currently she is pursuing specialisation in music under Mangad Nateshan from Trishur. She has performed in stages in various places like Udupi, Mangaluru, Kerala and Chennai. She is training many music aspirants in Shankar Mahadevan Institute.

Moolam-2023: National Seminar and Dance Fest from July 8

Mysuru, July 7- 'Moolam-2023' (The Roots), a National Seminar and Dance Festival has been organised at Natana School of Theatre Arts in Ram-akrishnanagar on July 8 and 9 at 5 pm. The seminar will feature topics like dance, music, thea-tre, guru-shishya bonding, tra-dition, generation gap, growth and presentation apart from demonstration.

Also, Mohiniyattam, Odissi, Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi and Kathak will be presented as part of the Dance Fest which will be led by dancer of international re-pute Vyjayanthi Kashi.

Singer and Poetess H.R. Leelavathi, theatre artiste Man-dya Ramesh, novelist Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa and Bharatanatyam exponent Dr. Tulasi Ramachan-dra will be the chief guests.

For details, contact Mob: 98455-95505.

Chamundi Hill temple witnesses heavy rush on third Ashada Friday

Mysuru, July 7 (MTY&DM)- Braving the early morning biting cold, wind and drizzle, thousands of devotees from across the city and the State visited the Chamundeshwari Hill temple on the third Ashada Friday here this morning. The crowd today was far bigger than the two Ashada Fridays on June 23 and 30.

The rituals began as early at 3.30 am with the conduct of Mahanyasapoorvaka Rudrabhisheka, Abhisheka, Sahasra Namarchane, Pushparchane etc., culminating with Mahamangalaarathi, following which the temple was thrown open for devotees at about 6 am.

Devotees had lined up in queues before the temple from early in the morning to seek the blessings of Goddess Chamundeshwari. The devotees had come in free KSRTC buses operating from Lalitha Mahal grounds, ticketed route buses starting from the City Bus Stand and by climbing of the Hill steps.

The KSRTC had deployed 40 free buses from Lalitha Mahal grounds to meet the rush of devotees. The District Administration has banned entry of all types of private vehicles to the Hill on all Ashada Fridays, as a crowd control measure.

On the third Ashada Friday today, the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari was adorned with 'Mahalakshmi Alankara' and the temple was all the more specially decorated with a variety of flowers and other decorative articles.

There were three separate lines for devotees — One for Janata Darshan, one for Rs.50 ticket and the other for Rs.300 ticket. As in the previous two Ashada Fridays, elderly citizens aged over 65 years were allowed direct entry to the temple from the Rs.50 ticket entry gate.

With devotees greater in number this time, the Police had a tough time in ensuring that devotees stand in queues in an orderly manner and do not attempt to jump queues. The Hill temple will be open for devotees till 9.30 pm.

The Chamundeshwari Vardhanti falls on July 10 and the fourth and last Ashada Friday on July 14.

Awards will motivate scribes: Akashvani Mysore Director

Mysuru, July 7 (GA&BS)- The Director of Akashvani Mysore S.S. Umesh has said 'The programmes like honouring journalists with awards are essential to recognise their services and encourage them further."

Umesh spoke during a programme organised by Mysore District Journalists Association (MDJA) to confer K.V. Srinivasan Endowment Awards instituted by Senior journalist K.V. Srinivasan (Brother) at Patrakarthara Bhavana this morning.

"We should be grateful to Srinivasan and also follow in his footsteps. Only journalists from State and National-levels are recognised, while those in the District-level are mostly ignored despite their enormous contributions to the realm. I am also a journalism graduate, as at Akashvani there are no restrictions and everybody should report programmes of all the fields," said Umesh.

Akashvani also airs a programme called 'Patrakartha' and I have interviewed 163 journalists so far. I remember them all. We have to replicate programmes at the district-level too or bring out books about them, which will be useful for next generation, added Umesh.

Srinivasan said, "The Endowment Awards comprising eight categories was instituted in the year 2002 to encourage younger journalists. We should protect media which is regarded as the fourth pillar of the society."

Senior journalist and TSR Awardee D. Mahadevappa said, "Of late journalism is turning into a 'literature in a hurry'. Unlike previous years, there is a depletion in seasonal rainfall this year, but the politicians and journalists have kept mum over this. The journalists should develop social commitment as the professional commitment is on a wane. Owing to job insecurity too, the journalists are opting to become Media Advisors to Ministers, which is not a good sign."

The young journalists are assured of many facilities which they should use judiciously to display their social commitment. The people also have abundant faith in print media and the onus of retaining the faith is on young journalists, said Mahadevappa.

Following journalists were given awards in differing categories: R. Suvarna of *Nagara Belaku* was conferred 'Mahatma Gandhi' Award from the category of print media; M.A. Sriram of *The Hindu,* 'Janakamma Venkatappa Gowda' Award from photographer's section; S. Manjunath (Beechanahalli Manju) of *Mysuru Mithra,* H.D. Kote, with K. V. Srinivasan Award from rural category and Bapu Lingaraja Urs (BLU) of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* (formerly of *Kasturi TV)* 'JP Memorial Media Award' from 'Visual Media' category.

President of MDJA S.T. Ravikumar (RK), City Vice-President M. N. Basavanna, Rural Vice-President Dharmapura Narayan, General Secretary M. Subramanya, Executive Committee members Machamma Mallige and M. Krishnoji Rao were present.

Mysuru Science Theatre Festival begins

Mysuru, July 7 (CN&BS)- The four-day Mysuru Science Theatre Festival-2023 organised by Parivartana Ranga Samaja, Kalasuruchi, Arivu Educational and Cultural Trust, Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA) and Kutuhali, Mysuru, began at Kiru Rangamandira in the premises of Kalamandira in city yesterday.

The theatre festival is organised to inculcate knowledge through science among students and throw light on the achievements of scientists.

After the inauguration of the festival, Shashidhar Dongre of Kalasuruchi said that "Earlier, the programme was organised in association with several organisations. Now, the Association is strong and our intention is to deliver meaningful programmes to the students. Except for Malco Theatre in USA from 2005 to 2017, there are no examples of Science Theatre Festival in any other parts of the world. The Science Theatre Festival is constantly being organised in Mysuru that is in its sixth edition now and the credit goes to the audience."

Kutuhali, a Central Government programme provides opportunity to plan Science related programmes. There were several discussions to use theatre as a medium to spread the importance of Science. During the beginning in 2018, we were staging translated plays more. Now, of the total four plays, three are our own that proves our originality. If we want to know about contents of Science in the play, they are conceptualised based on the scientists and their ideologies, said Shashidhar Dongre.

Nine plays are based on the persons and their ideologies. While those on a person revolves around their childhood, plight, education and achievement, those based on ideology forms their ideological roots and scientific thinkings, said Shashidhar Dongre.

The inauguration of theatre festival was followed by the staging of the play 'Prabhasa' based on Nobel Prize winner Madam Marie Curie's story and directed by Salian Umesh Narayan.

Several plays will be staged at Kiru Rangamandira today, tomorrow (July 8) and day after (July 9) for the benefit of students.

Managing Trustee of Arivu Dr. M.C. Manohar, Kutuhali's Kollegala Sharma and Parivarthana Ranga Samaja's Madhav Khare were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Assuage

Pronunciation: uh-SWAYJ.
Meaning: Assuage is a formal word most often used when the intensity of something painful or distressing, such as guilt or fear, is being lessened, as in "efforts to assuage their concerns." Assuage can also mean "satisfy" or "alleviate."
Origin: If you've ever wanted to learn how the, ahem, assuage gets made, today is your lucky day—we've got a sweet story to quell your hunger for word knowledge. Assuage comes from the Latin adjective suavis, meaning — you guessed it — "sweet." (Sweet itself is also a distant relation.) Perhaps recalling Mary Poppins (as played by Julie Andrews in the titular film) singing to the Banks children will make the link indelible: "A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down." To assuage something painful or distressing, such as fear, guilt, or grief, is to lessen its intensity the way, say, saccha rine grape flavoring helps mask some of the bitterness of cough syrup. Similarly, to assuage hunger or thirst — as for lexicographical trivia, perhaps — is to end it by satisfying it fully. We hope you're satisfied!
Example: "One fourth of the land is being donated back to the government, part of Disney's attempts to assuage environmental concerns with development of the property." — Richard Tribou, The Orlando (Florida) Sentinel, 11 Sept. 2022.

THE ODD WORD

Absonant

Discordant; abhorrent.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A country mile

Meaning: 'A country mile' means 'a long distance, especially one that was expected to be shorter. For example, "Red Rum won the Grand National by a country mile." The phrase has also been used to refer to surprisingly large amounts.
Origin: At the outset no one knows the precise origin of the phrase. As is usual in such circumstances many people have put forward guesses: Roads are more windy in the country than in the town and so a mile as crow flies is much shorter than actual journey by road. A country mile refers to a mile that is arduous, not one that is long. Rural dwellers had no means of knowing precise distance so, if they were to say that a place was 'a mile' away, it may be much further. The complexity of what a mile actually is, or more to the point was when this phrase was coined, is more confusing than enlightening. Each country that has used a mile as a measurement of distance has defined it differently from all the others and most of them has changed the measurement at some point.

QUOTE BOX

If you want to run, run a mile. If you want to experience a different life, run a marathon. **—Emil Zatopek**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

MOINOD

Answer: In the mood.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Neither his nor hers ?
4 Longest river of Soviet Asia
8 Alpha's follower?
12 Street or lane in French
13 Playback singer ___ Narayan
14 We see with them
15 Tries
17 In good health
18 Delhi's ___ Minar
19 Antitoxins
21 "Losing my religion" rock group
23 Make bubbly
27 State neighbouring Bangladesh
31 Soviet's early leader?
32 Brewed liquor
33 Big - like an elephant?
35 One as a prefix
36 Lasso for the cowboy
38 Fled
40 A white cotton cloth
42 Vada ___ : Mumbai's favourite snack
43 Predatory gull
45 Indian tandoori dish
49 Greek peak
52 Loudly imperious
54 Flat open tart
55 Dorothy's dog!
56 Marijuana (sl).
57 Not confined
58 The distance crossed by a bridge
59 Two for the bard

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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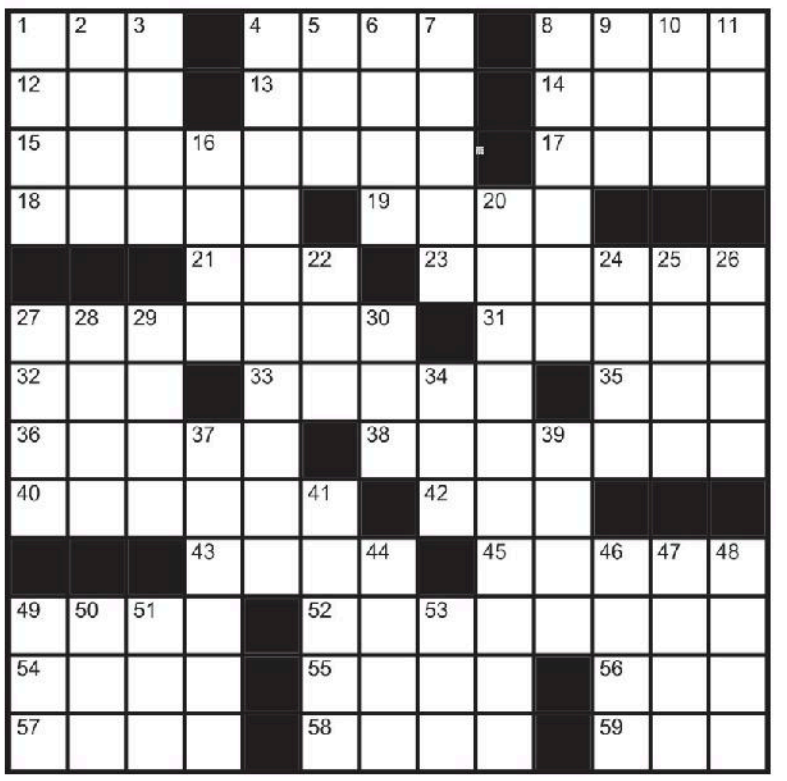
DOWN

1 Middle-East country with Baghdad as its capital
2 Ballerina's skirt
3 The badger's home is called this
4 Timber cutter (US)
5 Computer capability for short
6 The eggs of a louse or similar insects
7 All __ ___ : utterly bewildered ? (2,3)
8 Be on your guard
9 Easy on the ___ : pleasant to look at?
10 ___ Aviv : capital of Israel?
11 Above sea level
16 Continental coin
20 A change of venue
22 Modular Avionics Unit
24 Bhajan maestro __ Jalota
25 Prong of fork
26 Dine" anagram for a girl's name?
27 Remains of pressed grapes
28 Romulus kin
29 Intense enthusiasm
30 Mrs in Marseille
34 Mayawati's party
37 Type of herbal tea
39 Keen
41 Expels or evicts
44 Over or above
46 Retained or preserved
47 Be aware of
48 Indian wheaten flour
49 Not on?
50 Camera type
51 Soc. of Auto. Engrs.
53 Required Time of Arrival



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

6	2	3	9	1	4	7	8	5
7	8	5	3	2	6	1	9	4
1	4	9	8	5	7	6	2	3
5	3	7	6	9	8	4	1	2
8	9	6	1	4	2	3	5	7
4	1	2	5	7	3	8	6	9
2	7	1	4	6	9	5	3	8
3	5	4	2	8	1	9	7	6
9	6	8	7	3	5	2	4	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

JNNBGJPD JG XVW UJZGX

PU INN YNWIGBZWG.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If any thing is sacred, the human body is sacred.

MOVIE LOVERS

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- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Bengaluru Boys (K) - 2 Shows
  Rayaru Bandaru Maavana Manege (K) - 2 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Maamannan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Bumper (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  90 Bidi Manig Nadi (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
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- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
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Satyaprem Ki Katha (H)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 4.10 pm
Bumper (Ta)	(S-1)	1.25 pm
Neeyat (H)	(S-1)	7.00 pm, 9.40 pm
Insidious: The Red Door (E)	(S-2)	11.30 am, 7.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Nano Narayanappa (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Rudrangi (Te)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Rayaru Bandaru Maavana Manege (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
O Saathiya (Te)	(S-3)	1.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Kabadi Bro (Ta)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
72 Hoorain (H)	(S-3)	6.25 pm, 8.15 pm
Madhura Manohara Moham (Ma)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Indiana Jones & Dial of Destiny (E)	(S-4)	1.25 pm, 9.40 pm
Sri Prasanna Venkatadaasaru (K)	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.00 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Insidious: The Red Door (E)	:	1.30 pm, 4 pm, 6.45 pm, 9 pm
Rayaru Bandaru Maavana Manege (K)	:	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm
Maamannan (Ta)	:	1.45 pm, 6.00 pm, 9.00 pm
Salmon (K-3D)	:	4.00 pm
Salmon (Ta-3D)	:	7.00 pm
Bumper (Ta)	:	7.00 pm

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Samajavaragamana (Te)	:	9.15 am, 12.15 pm, 6.30 pm
Insidious: The Red Door (E)	:	10 am, 11.55 am, 2.25 pm 4.25 pm, 8 pm, 10.30 pm
Insidious: The Red Door (H)	:	7.30 pm
Neeyat (H)	:	10.35 am, 1.25 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Rangabali (Te)	:	10.50 am, 4.15 pm, 10 pm
Rayaru Bandaru Maavana Manege (K)	:	12 noon
Satyaprem Ki Katha (H)	:	1.20 pm, 4.55 pm, 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Arambha (K)	:	1.45 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.55 pm
Indiana Jones & Dial of Destiny (E)	:	3.15 pm
Por Thozhil (Ta)	:	3.40 pm
Spider-man (E)	:	4.30 pm
Pendulum (Ma)	:	6.50 pm
Maamannan (Ta)	:	9.30 pm

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Insidious: The Red Door (E)	:	11.45 am, 2.15 pm, 4.45 pm 7.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Insidious: The Red Door (Te)	:	8.30 pm
Samajavaragamana (Te)	:	12.10 pm, 6.30 pm
Rayaru Bandaru Maavana Manege (K)	:	12.40 pm
Satyaprem Ki Katha (H)	:	12.45 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.55, 10 pm
Maamannan (Ta)	:	3.10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	4.40 pm
Sri Prasanna Venkatadaasaru (K)	:	5.25 pm
Indiana Jones & Dial of Destiny (E)	:	9.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 7)

- **CFTRI:** Valedictory of 'One Week One Lab,' DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra chief guest, CFTRI Director Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh presides, CFTRI premises, **4 pm.**
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse and cultural programmes, Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 94482-71837 or 99452-30501]
- **Sacred Heart Church, Yadavagiri:** Annual Feast, Rosary, Holy Mass by Rev. Fr. T. Baros, Director, St. Joseph's Nursing College, Mysuru, Sacred Heart Church, Yadavagiri, **5.40 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Kannada Kavya Ranjani, a music concert by Vidu. Medha Manjunath and Vid. Aanoor Phaneendra Sharma, accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin, Vid. Sai Shivu on mridanga and Vid. Raghunandan V. Rao on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Kannada PG Department, University Evening College :** Nadoja Prof. Dejagow's Birth Anniversary, poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar inaugurates, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal distributes prizes, University Evening College Principal Prof. H. Somashekarappa presides, folk singer Amma Ramachandra special invitee, Room No. 20, University Evening College, **6 pm.**
- **Parivartana Ranga Samaja, Kalasuruchi and Arivu Educational and Cultural Trust, Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA) and Kutuhali, Mysuru:** 'KSTA-Kutuhali Mysuru Science Theatre Festival 2023,' staging of play 'Salim Ali - Bird Man of India' — based on life and work of renowned ornithologist, Salim Ali — by Arivu Ranga, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **7 pm.** [Mob: 99012-25074]
- **Sringeri Sri Shankar Mutt Abhinava Shankaralaya:** Ashada Friday, Sri Vaishnavi Alankara; Vocal Music Concert by Vid. Rajath Sharma and Party, Shankar Mutt premises, Fort Mohalla, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 8)

- **Mysore Open Forum:** Talk on 'AI and the Future of Humanity: Power, Pitfalls and Prudence' by Dr. Shalini R. Urs, Founder, MYRA School of Business, Executive Director Emerita and Professor, International School of Information Management, University of Mysore; Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysore Art Gallery:** Interaction with Achievers-82 (Achiever of the month: English language expert D.N. Purushotham Rao), Muktaka writer and retd. teacher M. Muttuswamy chief guest, Mysore Art Gallery Founder-President L. Shivalingappa presides, Gallery premises, Ramanuja Road, **11 am.**
- **Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru District & City Unit and Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru:** Vachana recital by Arivina Mane Mahila Balaga, J.P. Nagar, **4 pm;** Presentation of 'Dr. C.N. Mrutyunjayappa Adarsha Vaidya Seva Prashasti' to ICATT Director Dr. Shalini Nalwad by Mandya MP Sumalatha Amabarish, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, JSS Medical College Principal Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa presides, Navajyoti auditorium, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **4.30 pm.**
- **Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru:** 'Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava,' monthly cultural events - Bharatanatyam performances by leading exponents and Gurus of Mysuru and Bangaluru, Champaka Academy, Ramakrishnanagar, **5 pm.**
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse and cultural programmes, Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 94482-71837 or 99452-30501]
- **Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya:** Inauguration of Yoga Teachers Training Course, Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya, 7th Cross, next to Yoga Park, E & F Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club, Mysuru:** A talk on 'Identifying the similarities and dissimilarities between Longwa and Istanbul' by Club Director Dr. R. Purnima, Sri Sathya Sai Baba Educational Institutions, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sacred Heart Church, Yadavagiri:** Annual Feast, Rosary, Holy Mass by Rev. Fr. D. Jayaraj, Catholic Centre, Mysuru, Sacred Heart Church, Yadavagiri, **5.40 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Flute Concert by Vid. Mysore A. Chandan Kumar, Vidu. H.M. Smitha on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata, (concert is sponsored by S.N. Subba Rao in memory of his wife late S. Nirmala), Sri Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy Temple, SBM Colony, Srirampura, **6 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Vocal music concert by Vidu. Chinmaye Manish, accompanied by Vidu. Dr. Veena Suresh on violin, Vid. Pavan Madhava on mridanga and Vid. Srinidhi R. Koundinya on ghata, (The concert is in memory of Chakrakoti Narayan Shastry by his children and grandchildren), Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Vipranandaji speaks on 'The role of Swami Vivekananda's brother disciples in shaping the Ramakrishna Movement's ideology,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Parivartana Ranga Samaja, Kalasuruchi and Arivu Educational and Cultural Trust, Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA) and Kutuhali, Mysuru:** 'KSTA-Kutuhali Mysuru Science Theatre Festival 2023,' staging of play 'C Ward - Cancer Kathanagalu' — 'C Ward - Song of Cells' based partly on the celebrated classic Emperor of Maladies by Siddhartha Mukherjee — by Parivartana Ranga Samaja, Mysuru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **7 pm.** [Mob: 99012-25074]

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Insidious: The Red Door (E)	:	10.40 am, 12.05 pm, 3.30 pm 6.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Bhaag Saale (Te)	:	11.45 am
Satyaprem Ki Katha (H)	:	12.30 pm, 3.40 pm 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Samajavaragamana (Te)	:	1.10 pm, 7.30 pm
Sri Prasanna Venkatadaasaru (K)	:	2.35 pm, 5.55 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.50 pm
Maamannan (Ta)	:	4.10 pm, 9.00 pm
Indiana Jones & Dial of Destiny (E)	:	9.15 pm

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Satyaprem Ki Katha (H)	(S-2)	11.45 am, 2.55 pm 6.05 pm, 9.15 pm
Indiana Jones & Dial of Destiny (E)	(S-3)	12.35 pm, 10.00 pm
Insidious: The Red Door (E)	(S-1)	11 am, 1.30 pm, 4.00 pm 6.30 pm, 9.00 pm
Sri Prasanna Venkatadaasaru (K)	(S-3)	3.50 pm, 6.55 pm
Nyano Narayanappa (K)	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Dhoomam (K)	(S-4)	12.15 pm, 4.00 pm
Rangabali (K)	(S-4)	9.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	(S-4)	3.20 pm

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